GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Services - Revenue Department - Sri M.Suresh, the then Tahsildar, Kothavalasa Mandal presently working as Tahsildar, Cheepurupalli of Vizianagaram District - Allegations of submission of irregular reports to the Joint Collector and also not protecting the government lands - Disciplinary proceedings under rule - 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 - Articles of charge - Issued .

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.417 **Dated: 02.05.2024**

G.O.Ms.No.154, Revenue(Vigilance-I) Dept., dt: 02.05.2024 -0o0-

ORDER:

In pursuance to the G.O read above, it is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri M.Suresh, the then Tahsildar, Kothavalasa Mandal presently working as Tahsildar, Cheepurupalli of Vizianagaram District in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charge (Annexure- I). A statement of imputations of misconduct / misbehaviour in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charge proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexures-III)

3. Sri M.Suresh, the then Tahsildar, Kothavalasa Mandal presently working as Tahsildar, Cheepurupalli of Vizianagaram District is directed to submit, within 10 days from the date of receipt of this order, a written statement of his defence.

4. Sri M.Suresh, the then Tahsildar, Kothavalasa Mandal presently working as Tahsildar, Cheepurupalli of Vizianagaram District is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri M.Suresh, the then Tahsildar, Kothavalasa Mandal presently working as Tahsildar, Cheepurupalli of Vizianagaram District further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para 3 above, further action will be processed based on the material available.

6. Attention of Sri M.Suresh, the then Tahsildar, Kothavalasa Mandal presently working as Tahsildar, Cheepurupalli of Vizianagaram District is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government Servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to her service under the Government. If any representation is received on her behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt within these proceedings, it will be presumed that Sri M.Suresh, the then Tahsildar, Kothavalasa Mandal presently working as Tahsildar, Cheepurupalli of Vizianagaram District is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against her for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of the Order be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

AJAY JAIN
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT(LANDS)(FAC)

To

Sri M.Suresh, the then Tahsildar, Kothavalasa Mandal presently working as Tahsildar, Cheepurupalli of Vizianagaram District (Through the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri for service and to return the served copy with dated acknowledgement immediately (By RPAD))

The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri.

Copy to:

The District Collector, Vizianagaram District.

SF/SC.

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAIOUR IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINSTSRI M.SURESH, THE THEN TAHSILDAR, KOTHAVALASA MANDAL PRESENTLY WORKING AS TAHSILDAR, CHEEPURUPALLI OF VIZIANAGARAM DISTRICT ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

That Sri M.Suresh, the then Tahsildar, Kothavalasa Mandal presently working as Tahsildar, Cheepurupalli of Vizianagaram District has worked as Tahsildar, Kothavalasa from 12.02.2019 to 24.03.2021 FN.

Sri G.C.Kishore Kumar, I.A.S., the then Joint Collector, Vizianagaram has issued orders granting Ryothwari Patta to the purchaser i.e. Sri Vegina Ravi Ramanaraju U/s 11(a) of EA Act vide Sr.No.11(a)/RC.No.3621/2020/F2, Dt.17.04.2021 for the lands in Sy.No.2/11, 2/15, 2/16 and 4/1P (Old Sy.No.171/B1) measuring an extent of Ac.16.00 cents situated in Santhapalem village, Kothavalasa Mandal though the land was classified as AWD-Gayalu as per the MDR and the Government land was assigned to poor persons. Instead of initiating action under POT Act., and resumption of land to Government, the then Joint Collector, Vizianagaram has issued Ryothwari Patta.

Sri Babu.A, I.A.S., Managing Director, A.P. Dairy Development Cooperative Federation Ltd., APIIC Building, Mangalagiri has been appointed as Inquiry Officer by the Government to enquire into the various orders passed by Sri G.C.Kishore Kumar, I.A.S., the then Joint Collector & Settlement Officer, Vizianagaram while working as Joint Collector, Vizianagaram.

The Inquiry Officer has conducted detailed enquiry & submitted enquiry report to the Government.

As per report of the enquiry officer, Sri M.Suresh, the then Tahsildar, Kothavalasa Mandal presently working as Tahsildar, Cheepurupalli of Vizianagaram District, while working as Tahsildar, Kothavalasa has addressed a letter to the Joint Collector & Settlement Officer, Vizianagaram vide letter Rc.No.41/2021/HDT/Dt.05.02.2021 and reported that the claim petitioners ancestors had purchased the land through a un registered sale deed on 04.10.1943 and again they have purchased through a registered sale deed on 2006 is contrary to one another. For the purpose of establishing that the claim falls under section 11(a) of the EA Act i.e. possession shall be prior to 01.07.1945, this document was relied upon. Though sufficient material available with the Tahsildar, Kothavalasa that the land in classified as "Gayalu", he falsely reported that the land might be cultivated by the vendors of claim petitioner.

Sri M.Suresh, the then Tahsildar, Kothavalasa Mandal has also failed to verify the sale deed, he relied upon the document 4246/2006 in which it was mentioned that the Old Sy.No.3-3, 3-4 and new Sy.No.2-15, 2-11, 2- 16, nowhere in the said registered deed it was mentioned Old Sy.No.171. However, the total extent mentioned in this registered deed is only Ac.12.00 but not Ac.16.00 acres as reported by the Tahsildar. It is also several sale transactions held during 1984 to 1998 and the lands were assigned by the then Tahsildar, S.Kota before formation of mandals and Dform pattas issued to land less poor after formation of mandals by the then MRO, Kothavalasa.

Thus, Sri M.Suresh, the then Tahsildar, Kothavalasa Mandal presently working as Tahsildar, Cheepurupalli of Vizianagaram District has failed protect the Government land though the land was classified as AWD-Gayaluas per MDR/SFA and the lands were assigned to poor persons previously and he has submitted a report to the Joint Collector & Settlement Officer, Vizianagaram vide letter Rc.No.41/2021/HDT/ Dt.05.02.2021 recommending for issue of patta to the claimants instead of initiating action under POT Act, 1977.

Thus, Sri M.Suresh, the then Tahsildar, Kothavalasa Mandal presently working as Tahsildar, Cheepurupalli of Vizianagaram District by the above act on his part amounts to lack of devotion to duty and lack of absolute integrity there by violating the rule 3(1) of APCS (conduct) Rules 1964 warranting disciplinary action under APCS (CC&A) Rules 1991.

Hence, the charge.

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI M.SURESH, THE THEN TAHSILDAR, KOTHAVALASA MANDAL PRESENTLY WORKING AS TAHSILDAR, CHEEPURUPALLI OF VIZIANAGARAM DISTRICT ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

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1. Letter Rc.No.41/2021/HDT/Dt.05.02.2021of the Tahsildar, Kothavalasa
2. Enquiry Report submitted by the Inquiry Officer & Managing Director, A.P., Dairy Development Cooperative Federation Ltd., APIIC Building, Mangalagiri.

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI M.SURESH, THE THEN TAHSILDAR, KOTHAVALASA MANDAL PRESENTLY WORKING AS TAHSILDAR, CHEEPURUPALLI OF VIZIANAGARAM DISTRICT.

-NIL-

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